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1. Early in 1953, VEB Rathenower Optische Werke received an order from DIA to supply 600 B.C. scopes¹ to the Chinese People's Republic. The total value of this order was about 1,500,000 DME. Some samples were built and delivered and there were some complaints, mainly about the excessive weight. The Chinese had specified a total weight of not more than 19 kilograms per unit, whereas the samples weighed about 28 kilograms each. After various changes in design, VEB Rathenower Optische Werke succeeded in reducing the total weight to about 23 kilograms a B.C. scope.
2. These samples are now in China and DIA² and VEB ROW are awaiting confirmation of the order for the 600 instruments.

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1. Battery commander scopes. Reticulated scopes for sighting artillery.

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